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at 8 p. m., for the purpose of electing delegates to attend the General Convention to be held on the 25th February, 1903. A full attendance is urgently requested.

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Manitoba Memorial Committee Gives Commission to Sculptor.

Winnipeg, Feb. 19.—(Special.)—The Manitoba Memorial Committee has given a commission to George Hampton, London, England, to execute a bronze statue of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria. The cost is to be \$2,500. The pedestal will be made of Canadian marble.

INTERESTING POINTS TO BE SETTLED IN COURT OF REVISION.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 19.—The County Court of Revision was held today in the office of Provincial Collector Fagan. The most interesting case was that of the Lake of the Woods Milling Company. This company does a large business here through an agent who resides in the city, the company being stationed in the East. Mr. Fagan assessed the agent on the profits of his business on the ground that he should be taxed the same as other business of a like kind which was in competition with him. The Milling Company engaged Sir Hilbert Tupper as counsel, and some evidence was taken, but as the case was an important one, it was thought advisable to postpone it until March 7. The case was a test one, and the result will govern Mr. Fagan's actions in many similar cases.

KILLED IN LE ROI.

Archibald Love Loses Life in an Accident.

Rossland, Feb. 19.—Archibald Love, cage-tender at the Le Roi mine, was killed today. Deceased placed a loaded cage on the cage at the 700-foot level and then got into the cage himself, a very dangerous thing, that is strictly tabooed by the mine officials. Midway between the five and six hundred foot levels the cage caught on the shaft timbers, was thrown into the air and then dropped to the deck, crashing through and falling 60 feet, where it lodged. The accident was detected immediately and investigation commenced. Love was found, stone dead, on top of the loaded cage. His neck had been broken at the first impact or by the fall in the shaft. Deceased was 23 years old and a native of St. Stephens, N. B., where a widowed mother lives. No inquest was deemed necessary.

John McDonald, head blacksmith, was in the same cage, but rode on the top deck. He escaped with the loss of a couple of teeth and slight contusions.

GREEN OLD AGE.

Canada's Oldest Senator Starts His Century Year.

Frederickton, N. B., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Hon. Senator David Wark, LL.D., of this city, is 90 years of age today. Senator Wark is the oldest parliamentarian in the world, having been over 61 years in public life.

Railway Disaster

Newark Street Car Crashed to Pieces By Fast Express Train.

And Crowd of School Children Aboard Are Killed and Injured.

Eight Killed Outright and Score More Are Severely Wounded.

Newark, N. J., Feb. 19.—A fast express on the Lackawanna railroad cut through a trolley car crowded with school children, killing eight and injuring a score or more. The motorman of the car, who stuck to his post, will die, and the engineer of the express was so badly hurt that there is little hope of his recovery. Both the express and the trolley were on a steep grade going at right angles. The express was signalled, while the trolley car was yet half way down the hill. The motorman shut off the power and applied the brakes, but almost immediately the car began to slip along the icy rails. It gained tremendous momentum, and at the bottom of the hill crashed through the gates directly in the track of the on-coming train. The locomotive plowed its way through the trolley car, throwing the children in every direction. The accident happened within three blocks of the High school building, and in the car at the time were nearly 100 pupils. As many as 20 of the pupils managed to throw themselves from the car before the crash came.

The trolley was one of the specials which every day bring the children to school. It had more than its ordinary load today, and it was packed. It contained every child that could squeeze inside and others stood on the rear platform. A score or more children were compelled to walk, and they followed the car as it went. They say that when the car was less than half way down the hill the railroad gates began to drop. Peter Brady, the motorman, promptly shut off the power and applied the brakes. The speed of the car was checked, but it continued to move slowly down the incline. There was no thought of danger. Then it began to move faster and faster. The ice-covered rails afforded no hold for the wheels, and although Brady jammed his brake harder and then swung on the reverse, the momentum of the car grew at every yard, and the car shot down toward the railroad. When the car was right at the gates the express thundered into view. Warned by the cries of the mob and by their own sense of danger, those on the platform began to throw themselves off into the snow, and the car sped along the few remaining feet, perhaps one-third escaped death or injury in this way, but there was no time for those within the car to do more than rush toward the rear door.

THE CRASH.

The gates were swept aside like toothpicks and before the crashing of the wheels the car was complete. The wreck of the engine struck almost in the centre and turned it partly around and then cut it in two. The upper part was reduced to fragments, and the drivers, who were half way thrown to one side and lay on the tracks. The other section was hurled some distance away. In every direction lay the dead and injured.

The engine was brought to a standstill, and from the train and nearby houses men rushed to the rescue. The spectacle was appalling and many who started to help had to give up un-nerved. A lad who had been hurled to safety in a snow bank 30 feet from the crossing, managed to crawl back to his feet, and with a shriek ran up to a fire box and rang in an alarm. Within five minutes as many dead bodies had been laid aside by side in the snow alongside the track. Load after load of the injured were sent away in patrol wagons and ambulances, and within a short time the injured persons were all removed and the dead were on their way to the morgue.

WESTMINSTER BUILDINGS.

Major Dupont Pleased With Progress of New Block.

Westminster, Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Major Dupont, who was here yesterday, was greatly pleased with the progress on the work of restoring his block recently gutted by fire. The building will be a considerable improvement over the other. Major Dupont's plans are not yet completed for building on his recently purchased corner opposite the Naval Storage magazine at Fort Lafayette today. All the dead and injured were taken to the hospital.

SHELL EXPLODES.

Three Men Killed and Several Hurt in United States Magazine.

New York, Feb. 19.—Three men were killed outright, one man injured so that he died later, two other men fatally injured, and at least seven seriously injured, in an explosion at the working of the Naval Storage magazine at Fort Lafayette today. All the dead and injured were taken to the hospital.

GREAT FIRE AT SYDNEY.

Washing Plant of the Dominion Steel Company Destroyed.

Sydney, N. S., Feb. 19.—Fire this morning destroyed the big washing plant of the Dominion Iron & Steel Company at the coke ovens, entailing a loss estimated from \$100,000 to \$200,000. The fire started shortly after 7 o'clock in the passage way adjoining the main building, and in a short time the massive wooden structure was in flames. The company's fire brigade could not do much to battle with the flames as the water in the hydrants was frozen. A strong breeze was blowing from the west, and the flames which spread rapidly.

MANITOWA LEGISLATURE.

Brief Sitting of the House—Notices of Motion.

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—The Manitoba legislature held a brief sitting this afternoon and adjourned until Monday evening. Attorney-General Campbell gave notice of a resolution memorializing the Dominion Government asking that the rate of interest on school lands fund, which was reduced from six to five per cent., be restored to the original figure. Mr. Greenwood, of North Brabant, gave notice of a resolution memorializing the Dominion Government for some amendments to the Grain Act.

MEDIATION OFFERED.

Hon. E. G. Prior telegraphed yesterday to the management of the Crow's Nest Coal Mines, and to the President of the Trades and Labor Council at Fernie, offering his good offices as Premier of British Columbia towards bringing about a settlement of the strike.

It is understood that he offered to visit the scene of the trouble, if such a step was deemed expedient, and assured all concerned that he and his colleagues were willing and anxious to assist in every way possible to promote harmony between the company and the men.

It is also reported that the Premier strongly urged both sides to adopt conciliatory methods and submit their differences to arbitration.

REV. MR. HALL HURT.

Carriage Comes in Collision With a Wagon.

A Modern Day Feudal System

Law Suit in Honolulu Against Prince of Deposed Royal Family.

And Death Blow Is Given to Ancient Custom of Islands.

Honolulu, Feb. 11.—(By steamer Mowera.)—A lawsuit of small consequence in itself was decided in the circuit court yesterday by a verdict for the plaintiff for \$450. The suit, however, was very bitterly contested, and the result is looked on as giving the death blow to the old Hawaiian feudal system by which such old Hawaiian chiefs and chiefly families as those of the late Queen Dowager Kapiolani, ex-Queen Liliuokalani, and Princess David Kawakani and Kalaninuihewa and Sam Cooke were obliged to maintain a large number of retainers. In the case of the ex-Queen Liliuokalani, the number of these retainers has been so large as to be a serious burden on her resources. These retainers were, according to old Hawaiian custom, allowed to live on the lands of the patron without paying any rent, and were in most instances supported by the bounty of the patron in consideration of certain feudal services to be rendered. With the change of conditions, the services rendered to the patron have constantly decreased until they have become insignificant, and for the most part merely formal, while the maintenance by the patron has constantly increased in cost.

The suit in question was by one Anahole Bright for wages alleged to be due for services performed. The defence was that he was a retainer of the Prince David Kawakani, and that according to Hawaiian custom his services were fully compensated by the fact that he lived on lands for which he paid no rent and by his maintenance. The court held that feudal services were not recognized by the laws of the territory, and the jury brought in a verdict for \$450.

In view of this ruling many of the old families are considering whether they can safely continue the old feudal system, as any of their retainers may under this decision sue them for wages, notwithstanding they have already had maintenance at the hands of their patrons. If the ex-Queen could relieve herself of her retainers, the income from her property would very handsomely support her.

NOMINATION AT WEST YALE

Candidates Formally Named at Ashcroft For the Provincial By-Election.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ashcroft, Feb. 19.—Nominations for the provincial by-election in West Yale were held here today.

Dr. George Sanson, the Government candidate, was nominated by Thos. McCosh; seconded by Mark Diamond.

C. A. Semlin was nominated by H. L. Roberts; seconded by J. C. Smith.

The election will take place on February 26.

Premier Prior and Attorney-General Eberts left by the Churner last night in support of Dr. Sanson in his campaign in West Yale.

CENTRE BRUCE.

Candidates for the Ontario House Nominated.

Chepstowe, Ont., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Dr. J. M. Stewart, Liberal, and Hugh Clark, Conservative, were nominated here today to contest Centre Bruce for the Ontario legislature.

MUNNS DROPPED.

Only Conservative and Liberal Candidates in North York.

Newmarket, Ont., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Nominations for the by-election of North York were made here today. Lennox of Aurora was nominated by Conservatives and E. J. Davis by Liberals. Temperance candidate Wm. Munns was not nominated.

SENSATIONAL CHARGE.

Man Confined in Asylum to Prevent Telling of Murder.

Winnipeg, Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Mrs. May Ketcheson, a domestic employed in this city, charges that her son, James Ketcheson, is illegally confined in a Montana lunatic asylum. Young Ketcheson was a witness of a murder at Butte, Montana, in which a Montana millionaire was the victim. In order to hide his guilt, friends of the millionaire secured Ketcheson, and committed him to an asylum as a lunatic.

Opening Of House

Provincial Legislature Summoned to Meet For Business on April 2.

Examiners Appointed For Coal Creek and Comox Coal Mines.

Appointments' Notices and New Incorporations in B.C. Gazette.

Yesterday's issue of the British Columbia Gazette contains the following announcements:

A proclamation appears summoning the Legislature to meet, "for the despatch of business," on Thursday, April 2.

The following appointments are made: Joseph Alexander J. McAlpine, M. D., William Harold Malkin, and Joseph Watson, of the city of Vancouver, to be members of the Board of Directors of the Vancouver General Hospital for the year, 1903.

Charles E. Oliver, of Hedy, M. B., to be a notary public in and for the province of British Columbia.

John Milton, Alderman, and J. A. Gill, of the city of Kamloops, to be members of the Board of Licensing Commissioners and of Commissioners of Police for the said city.

Notice is given that the following constitute the Board of Examiners for the Coal Creek Mine during the year 1903: Appointed by the owners—(1) Robt. Driman; (2) David Martin.

Alternates—(1) John Hunt; (2) John McElmont.

Appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, Andrew Colville, Esq., to be members of the Board of Examiners for the Comox mine during the year 1903: Elected by the Miners—(1) John Colvoss; (2) John Norton.

Alternates—(1) Chas. Burrows; (2) John Howbrook.

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Wreck On the Grand Trunk

Frost Cracks a Rail and Passenger Train Jumps the Track.

Cars Go Over Embankment at Whitby and Many Persons Injured.

From Our Own Correspondent.
Whitby, Ont., Feb. 19.—The heavy frost last night cracked a rail on the Grand Trunk just east of here, and the Chicago express coming along with six cars of passengers was hurled over a 30-foot embankment. The engineer felt the hind trucks of the Mogul engine leave the track. He tried to stop the train, but the engine rushed on, dragging the car after car from the rails. The baggage car shot over the rails and down an embankment. The second coach, which was filled with immigrants, followed, and then each coach went over in turn until all were piled in a heap at the bottom. After the slide down the hill, the overturning of the cars proved to be a scene of terror, and many women fought for the doors and windows. The train had been crowded with passengers, and the screaming of women and children was heart-rending. Conductor Stewart smashed the window in the vestibule of the Pullman coach and crawled out, being followed by the brakemen. While the latter ran back to flag a local train, which was just behind, Stewart secured assistance of the passengers in the first class coach, and began the work of relieving those in the other cars. Occupants of the Pullman sleepers had just risen and were dragged in their night clothes out of the windows and through the doors of the overturned cars into the snow.

Mrs. Langill, of Waltham, Mass., whose hip was dislocated, had to be pulled through a car window, and was terribly cut, and other passengers had similar experience. It is wonderful no loss of life took place.

THREE INJURED.
Conductor Stewart, slight injury to face and injury to chest and side, and two cuts on head.
Wilson, express messenger, injury to left side of chest and shoulder, slightly cut on head.
Krohn, Pullman conductor, bruised, left side and shoulder, fracture of both bones of left leg.
George Lappage, baggage man, injured head, left ear cut, also cut on head, bruised back of left ear.
Archibald Mains, Toronto, slightly injured.
W. M. Thilack, Cummings street, Toronto, head, hand and ear badly cut.
George Hellen, Montreal, ribs badly bruised.
J. Necht, Montreal, back slightly injured.
Mrs. E. D. Holden, Lowell, body bruised.
Miss R. Wood, Murray street, Toronto, head cut and bruised.
G. W. Cook, Sherbrook street, Montreal, scalp wound and left shoulder sprained.
Arthur Lappin, Berkeley street, Toronto, cut over eye and shoulder bruised.
J. M. Spencer, Dowling avenue, Toronto, foot cut.
Mrs. Langill, Waltham, Mass., hip dislocated, cuts and bruises.
Twenty-four other passengers were shaken up and bruised.

TO STRENGTHEN HOME FLEET.

Admiralty Announces Important Reorganization in Navy.

London, Feb. 19.—The Admiralty announces an important reorganization of the home fleet, under the separate command of Vice-Admiral Sir Arthur K. Wilson, who will relinquish his command of the Channel squadron in May. It is understood that owing to the increase of Germany's Baltic and North Sea naval power, the Government has decided to largely strengthen the home fleet.

RESIST GENDARMES

French Peasants Oppose Closing of Religious Schools.

Paris, Feb. 19.—There was a revival today of the religious disturbances which characterized the closing of the "congregationist" schools in Brittany last summer. The nuns have reopened their schools at the village of Saint Meen near Lescroart. A police commissary, accompanied by gendarmes proceeded to the order to close the schools. When he arrived the church bell sounded and 300 peasants gathered yelling "Death to the commissary." Showers of stones greeted the gendarmes, who, however, forced their way through the crowd and into the school. The commissary read the order to the Lady Superior, who promised to depart within a week.

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THREE STAR

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Funds For Erection of Students Club House.

Montreal, Feb. 19.—McGill graduates here are to hold a meeting in a few days to take into consideration the proposal to erect a \$75,000 students' club house. Ten thousand dollars has already been promised towards the project.

SCHOONERS ICEBOUND.

And Attempts to Release Them Have Failed.

St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 19.—The United States revenue cutter Seminole made another attempt today to get to the Bay of Islands to release the icebound United States schooners. She was unable to do so in the face of a blizzard which sprang up. It is now conceded that the Seminole's mission is hopeless.

LORD STRATHCONA.

Has Refrained From Speculating in C. P. R. Stocks.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 19.—The Telegram said today that Lord Strathcona, who is in splendid health, told me in the course of a conversation today that since his appointment as High Commissioner he has not bought nor sold a single share of C. P. R. stock, of which he is now the largest holder.

Captured By The Socialists

Railway and Mining Association Voted Down at Nanaimo Meeting.

Nanaimo, B. C., Feb. 19.—The public meeting called by His Worship Mayor Manson in the Opera House this evening proved to be an unusually stormy one, and but very little was accomplished towards the advancement of the two projects which were discussed—the extension of the railway to the Northern end of the Island and the formation of the British Columbia Mining Association.

Mr. Hawthorthwaite and His Followers Want Government Ownership.

Upwards of 150 people were present and listened to a very instructive address on the mineralogy of Vancouver Island from W. J. Sutton, M. E. F. R. On the conflict of his speech, Mr. Heddie, president of the Board of Trade proposed a series of resolutions on the lines passed at meetings in Victoria favoring the extension of the railway to the North end. He favored the early line going from Wellington. The Socialist element, represented by J. H. Hawthorthwaite and Parker Williams as speakers made itself felt at this stage of the meeting. Mr. Hawthorthwaite, in a speech, said that a line should be built from Nanaimo to Alberni via Nanaimo lake. He favored Government ownership.

There was a strenuous fight over this resolution. Mr. Hawthorthwaite said that Victoria and Dunsuir were trying to sidetrack Nanaimo. Mr. Kingsley tried to stir up trouble between the working men and the business men. The original motion of Mr. Heddie was carried by a small majority, and Mr. Hawthorthwaite's motion carried.

TRANS-CANADA ROAD.

Mr. Talbot Makes a Speech in Vancouver.

Vancouver, Feb. 19.—(Special.)—O. E. Talbot, one of the promoters of the trans-Canada railway spoke before the Board of Trade tonight. He said the British Columbia Government promised the road 2,000 acres of land a mile for 400 miles in British Columbia, provided the company got the grant they were asking for from the Dominion Government. The Board will give moral support to the projected road by resolutions to the Dominion and Provincial Governments.

BRITISH COLUMBIA SHINGLES.

Shingle Mill Men Met Today and Decided That Owing to the Great Scarcity of Carcasses and the Great Demand for Shingles in the Eastern States, they would charter a ship to carry shingles around the Horn.

It is likely if the scheme proves a success that a fleet of shingle ships will be put on the long round about run by water.

Successful Masquerade

Victoria Aerie No. 12, Fraternal Order of Eagles as Hosts.

Assembly Hall Crowded—A Scene of Beauty and Merriment.

The fourth annual Masquerade ball of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, which was held last night at the Assembly Hall, was a great success. The costumes and the entire ensemble of the affair being in advance of the event of last season. Some of the costumes seen on the floor—and there was a widely diversified array of fancy and original dresses—were among the best that have been seen at similar gatherings in this city. Two of the notable costumes were those worn by two ladies, one of whom was awarded the prize for the best costume.

One of those ladies carried an old tallow dip, while the other carried a miniature telegraph post with the cross tapers laden with brilliant incandescent lights and incandescent lights of decorative style, which were carried by the ladies. There were also many other original costumes—a rooster with his big tail feathers, and a typical English being very noticeable. Among the business characters was a large walking bottle, the neck of which stood above the whirling through—this representing Kipling's beer. The cigar makers were well represented by girls wearing crowns of Havana and workmen with their beards making the smokes. There were dukes and jesters, Esquimaux and Indians, policemen and tramps, pug-pug girls, queens, and fairies, and a number of other notable characters represented. One lady carried about 40 pounds of potatoes on her head and well won her prize for the best sustained character. There were also a number of other notable characters represented. One lady carried about 40 pounds of potatoes on her head and well won her prize for the best sustained character. There were also a number of other notable characters represented.

FROM THE NORTH.

Steamer City of Seattle Returns From Skagway.

Vancouver, Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Steamer City of Seattle arrived this morning with confirmation of the rich strike on the Tanana when the steamer left Skagway last night. The steamer had a cargo of gold, and it was reported that there was a stampede in for Tanana.

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Imitations and substitutes are never so good as originals, or why would they have to thrive on the reputation of the articles they are designed to take the place of? They never cost so much, or what object would the dealer have in trying to prevail on you to take them?

Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine has so firmly established its reputation as a treatment for throat and lung troubles that it seems almost useless to try to put on the market a rival preparation, and hence the imitations, similar to the above, in similar packages, but very different packages.

Far from being a mere cough mixture, Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine reaches and thoroughly cures deep-seated chest colds and lung diseases, croup, bronchitis, whooping cough, and asthma.

Slowly but surely people are being awakened to the dishonest methods of many druggists, and are learning to insist on getting what they ask for. If you realize the difference between Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine and the remedies put up to sell in imitation of it, you will insist on getting the genuine. Dr. Chase's portrait and signature is on every bottle, 25 cents a bottle, family size, three times as much, 60 cents. At all dealers, or Edmondson.

LAND REGISTRY ACT.

In the matter of the application of Charles Hayward, for a Certificate of Inland Title to the land bounded on the east by the Strait of Georgia, on the north by the Strait of Georgia, on the south by the Strait of Georgia, and on the west by the Strait of Georgia.

Notice is hereby given that a Certificate of Inland Title to the land above described will be issued to Charles Hayward on the 7th day of May, 1903, unless in the meantime a valid objection thereto be made to me in writing by some person claiming an estate or interest therein or in some part thereof.

S. Y. WOOTTON, Registrar-General.

ELIZABETH GREGORY.

Solicitors for Chas. Hayward.

Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C., 2nd day of February, 1903.

Thirty days from date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to lease 100 acres of land, situated on Chilcotin River, for grazing purposes. Starting at a stake at the corner of R. L. Newton's farm, thence N. 100 chains; thence N. 40 chains; thence W. 160 chains; thence S. 40 chains.

H. P. S. BAYLIEFF.

POPE'S JUBILEE.

Elaborate Ceremonies Take Place in Rome Today.

Rome, Feb. 19.—The Pope's jubilee or 25th anniversary of his election tomorrow will be marked in a high manner in the Basilica celebrated by Cardinal Rampolla. Later the Pontiff will receive the cardinals and other dignitaries, who will present him with a gold tiara, the jubilee present of the Catholic world, which cost \$25,000. The De Deum will be sung in the evening, and there will be a procession of all the Catholic associations.

TONIGHT

Just before retiring, if your liver is sluggish, out of tune and you feel dull, bilious, constipated, take a dose of

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And you'll be all right in the morning.

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BE SURE TO
Get Stewart's Prices
on Monuments, Cemetery Cappings, Imported Scotch Granite Monuments, etc., before purchasing elsewhere. Nothing but first-class stock and workmanship.
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MARRIED.

RYE—SORRY—On the 19th inst., at Christ Church Cathedral, by the Rev. C. H. B. Beaman, William Edmund Hugh, son of the late Mr. Wm. H. B. Beaman, and Miss Mabel, third daughter of Charles F. Sorby, Esq., of Rice Lake, Ontario.

DIED.

BRAYSHAW—David Mark Brayshaw, third son of T. M. Brayshaw, carriage builder, Victoria, B. C., born in Dunedin, New Zealand, August 6th, 1882, died at sea on Canadian-Australian ship Aurora, Feb. 7th, 1903. Buried at sea, Feb. 8th, 1903.

FARM PUPIL

SWINDLE AGAIN

Attempts to Extort Money in England From Intending Emigrants.

Montreal, Feb. 13.—The Star's London cable, says, "The remarkable success of the scheme for an all-British colony near Saskatchewan, N. W. T., has encouraged a number of Canadian emigration swindlers, whereby unscrupulous steamship agents are reaping a harvest. In different parts of England they advertise positions alleged to be vacant on Canadian farms for premiums of from two and a half pounds to five pounds, or especially good berths on bonus arrangements, which may mean emigrants making a payment of from £25 to \$45 annually over several years. Another dodge is to promise emigrants instruction in agriculture on their arrival in Canada for remuneration often amounting to £50."

The Canadian commissioner issues today a public warning, pointing out that the official steamship fare from Liverpool to Quebec is 15 10s, and from Liverpool to Winnipeg 18 10s. He warns intending emigrants against agencies of all kinds, as an agent's aid is superfluous and a letter of introduction, which can be obtained at the Government office here, ensures any emigrant a situation within 24 hours after landing in Canada.

THE COMIC OPERA

"A Chinese Fete"

FRIDAY.....FEB. 20
SATURDAY.....FEB. 21
MATINEE
MONDAY.....FEB. 23
TUESDAY.....FEB. 24

A.O.U.W. HALL

ADMISSION \$1.00

Plan opens Friday, the 20th, at 9 a.m., at the Victoria Book & Stationery Co.

OKANAGAN APPLES.

A carload just arrived via E. & N. Railway for F. R. Stewart & Co., Wholesale Fruit Merchants, from the Okanagan, packed and shipped by the Coldstream Ranch, consisting chiefly of Northern Spies, Russets, and Greenings and Waukeshas. Fruit from the above district is equal in appearance and superior flavor to that imported from the United States, and as their output is increasing yearly, it is now not necessary to draw supplies for our market from Washington and Oregon. Another car of this celebrated fruit is expected in a few days, so there is now every opportunity to get first class British Columbia apples.

Mrs. Lester's

Japanese Social Dance

Will Be Held in
Assembly Hall
Monday, February 23

INSTEAD OF A. O. U. W. HALL.

THE VICTORIA NO. 2

BUILDING SOCIETY.

The first Drawing for an Appropriation takes place in MARCH NEXT.

Do you want to participate? Well, \$3.25 per share allows you to do so. The money will be on hand. We don't keep you waiting.

NO RACK DUES. NO FINE OF 10 PER CENT if you want to sell your drawing.

Office of the Society, 15 Truncheon Avenue. A. ST. G. PLINT, Secretary.

BREEDERS ATTENTION

The Dalrymple's Live Stock Association has been pleased to meet me as its Secretary for the year 1903, and I shall at once arrange for a shipment of breeding stock from the East, and I am now prepared to accept orders and quote prices and give such other information as will ensure getting good serviceable stock at reasonable prices.

It will be my earnest endeavor to give the same satisfaction to the patrons of the Association in the future as I have during the past year. Any person wanting stock in this way who have already purchased can do so by applying for space on or before the 1st of March. Address all communications to L. W. PAISLEY.

Secy. Treas. of the Dalrymple's Live Stock Association of B. C., Chilliwack.

Japanese New Goods.

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Mr. Green, of Green's Transfer, has had built a very large light spring truck, especially built for handling pianos and furniture. It is a very handy and useful vehicle, and runs as easy as a hack, and will charge the same as other trucks, half its size.

Strand Yates street, Residence 105 Pandora street. Tel. 646.

LEONARD H. BOLL, Land Commissioner.

THE WESTSIDE

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SPECIAL SALE OF New Fancy Wash Silks

2521 Yards of New Fancy Corded Wash Silks, in 30 different styles and colors, also Black and White. We'd advise an early visit to the store today as this lot will disappear quickly at the price marked per yard.

SPECIAL TODAY..... 35c

New Tailor-made Skirts

A SPECIAL LOT OF STYLISH TAILOR-MADE DRESS SKIRTS will be shown today at the following extraordinary low prices: \$3.25, 4.75, 6.50, 7.50

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These two departments are noted for their excellent values. Here's items that will eclipse all previous efforts.

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3 PAIRS FOR \$1.00

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TELEPHONE AND MAIL ORDERS RECEIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION.

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Monday, February 23

INSTEAD OF A. O. U. W. HALL.

Municipal Notice.

TRADE AND OTHER LICENSES.

For the half year ending 15th July, 1903, are now due, and I have to request that the same be paid forthwith at my office at City Hall.

CHAS. KENT, Collector.

City Hall, Victoria, B. C., February 4th, 1903.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Private Bill Notice

The time limit by the rules of the House for receiving petitions for private bills will expire on the 22nd day of March, 1903. Bills received after that date will not be presented to the House until the 2nd day of April, 1903. Reports from Committees on Private Bills will not be received after 9th day of April, 1903.

Dated this 13th day of February, 1903
THORNTON FELL, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

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VICTION OF ANY ONE STEALING
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THE DOOR OF A SUBSCRIBER.

A COINCIDENCE.

It is rather a curious thing that trouble
should have broken out simultaneously
in the Nanaimo coal mines and in the
Ferne coal mines. So far as we
know the causes of the two strikes are
entirely dissimilar (or we should not
say strikes because at Nanaimo there is
not yet a declared strike) the only point
of resemblance between them is the point
of time. Even more curious, how-
ever, is the fact that this trouble has
broken out almost immediately upon the
opening of the United States market to
Canadian coal. We have no doubt
whatever that nine-tenths of the men af-
fected by the disputes are honestly con-
vinced they have serious grievances
which should be redressed. We will go
further, and say that we have no doubt
at all that they have grievances. Con-
ditions of employment are hardly ever
so good that they cannot be improved.
But there is very great difference be-
tween some condition of employment
susceptible of improvement, and griev-
ances so intolerable as to warrant a
strike policy, a cessation of wealth-
producing labor. It is really very odd
that grievances requiring desperate
remedies should have sprung up at Na-
naimo, and different grievances requir-
ing equally desperate remedies should
have sprung up at Ferne, within 20
days of a great and unlooked for ex-
pansion of the market for British Colum-
bia coal. It might occur to a casual ob-
server that there were at the present time
in the United States, interests far removed
from sympathy with workingmen and
their rights or wrongs, to which the
fomenting of a labor dispute, or labor
disputes, which would cut off the Cana-
dian coal supply, would be a matter of
practical business strategy. If it were
necessary to ruin and starve a few thou-
sand Canucks in the process what would
that matter? The Western fuel interests
in the United States predicted the ruin
of their home industry if British Colum-
bia coal was allowed in free of duty.
Men will do a great deal, they will go
far to avoid the losses involved to them
in this step taken by the United States
Government. We are surely not so child-
ish as to imagine that if any way were
discovered of cutting off the coal supply
from British Columbia for 1903, it would
not be promptly taken advantage of?
Nor have we such a profound faith in
the incorruptibility of human nature as
to doubt that agents could be discovered
for the purpose of bringing on strikes.
This is merely a hypothesis we admit.
We are in the dark on the merits of the
two cases of labor dispute. But it is a
hypothesis which explains the curious
coincidence we referred to above, and
no other hypothesis does. It is funny
that the same uncomfortable suspicion,
the same curious coincidence, should
have been noticeable in other strikes in
Canada. Whatever we may have to
say that is about the C. P. R. Com-
pany, it is a company which has always
been on excellent terms with its em-
ployees. It is strange that a calamitous
strike should have broken out on the very

year of exceptional traffic to a point
in the East touched by the C. P. R. con-
nections. It is also somewhat remark-
able that trouble should have broken out
on the Fraser river at a particular time
when Canadian competition was unde-
sirable to American canners. These things
are undeniably peculiar. Funny position
for Canadian working men to be in, to
be the catspaws of American trusts,
very funny, but the humor of the situa-
tion is strictly confined to the under-
standing of the American magnates. It
may be said that we have no right to
be making insinuations of this kind,
and perhaps we have not, it certainly
will be said, as loud as throats of brass
and lungs of iron can shout it, that ours
is the voice of the remorseless capitalist
attempting to bemuse and obfuscate the
simple minded son of toil as to his
rights and privileges, or in less stately
language to divide the ranks of Labor
by drawing a red herring across the
track. We should be distinctly disap-
pointed if this were not said, because it
is part of the game to say it, and the
game is, we imagine, not being played by
greenhorns. We are not talking senti-
mental nonsense on the one side or the
other. Bread and butter are serious
things, and the prosperity of British Col-
umbia is a serious thing. So let us
get down to business and leave the
stage thunder out. We should not have
any right to make any insinuations, and
we would not make them, if we were
not prepared to show the people to whom
they are addressed, a very easy way to
prove or disprove them to their own
satisfaction. There are two methods.
First, let them investigate the character
of the agitation inducing the strike. We
are not referring to the men who are
honestly convinced they should go on
strike, but to the men who did the con-
vincing. There is a disposition among
working men like other human beings to
some extent to take men on trust. The
critical faculty is not highly developed.
But they surely have common sense
enough to take the trouble to analyse
the strike movement to its source, if
only to show that that source was a
clean, pure desire to advance the in-
terests of Labor. Second, let them find
out whether the conditions of labor in
coal mines in British Columbia are upon
the whole better or worse than in the
Western States. The answer to this
question would settle the whole busi-
ness for any one who has studied labor
questions, and the possibilities of ad-
vancing the status of labor through or-
ganization. The process must be begun
where labor is worst off. The com-
petition of the mines or factories where
labor is badly recompensed cannot be
met if the labor in other mines and fac-
tories gets too far ahead, and the only
effect of strikes in the latter class of
works is to put them out of business.
Organization must level up to the best
existing conditions before it can im-
prove those. Therefore, if labor condi-
tions in British Columbia are not in-
ferior to those in the Western States
in coal mines, or any other kind of in-
dustry, the total effect of strikes here
is simply to kill our industries until those
engaged in them are prepared to begin
again at the lower level. The net re-
sult is thus a lowering of the status of
labor and not an improvement of it. If
general conditions in British Columbia
coal mines where there are strikes, are
superior to those in Western American
coal mines, where there are no strikes
at present, then the eventual result must
be the throwing back of British Colum-
bia mines, or the closing of British Col-
umbia mines, and the absorption of the
labor in mines where the conditions are
not so good, the same thing so far as
the labor is concerned. This is what
some of our working men do not see,
but it is the law of trade union econo-
mics just the same. It is impossible to
fence in a working man's paradise by
a parallel of latitude. Economical laws
know no international boundary lines.

As an instance of how party news-
papers will by with the truth, when poli-
tical matters are in question, the To-
ronto Globe stated that the man pun-
ished in Vancouver for impersonation was
a man engaged to vote for the "Con-
servative-Labor candidate." The news
that he was a Conservative candidate
had better be kept from Christopher
Foley or he will have convulsions; but
apart from that, the man in question
was not a supporter of Mr. Foley at
all. His fraudulent ballot was designed
to serve quite another purpose than the
election of Mr. Foley.

It is to be hoped that there will be a
large attendance at the meeting in the
City Hall this evening to elect delegates
for the mining convention to be held in
this city next Wednesday.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BREATHING SPACES.
Sir,—I heartily endorse the movement to
get open breathing spaces in every quarter
of the city to act as play places for the
children and for playing games by the
young people of larger growth. There
should be one in Spring Ridge district, one
in Burdette road district, another in Vi-
ctoria West, and one at the Western part
of James Bay. Each space should be three
or four acres in extent, and dry land not
subject to flooding, and should if possible
have trees there too. Such a space the
city already has in the West part of James
Bay, and I think it should be preserved
as a "play place," and not sold, as some
people desire. The most enlightened policy
would be to procure such places and reserve
them for the use of the city as a whole
it should be preserved.

OPEN AIR.
COLQUITZ RIVER WATER QUESTION.
Sir,—At the Council meeting on Monday
night Mr. Taylor, the city barrister, gave
his opinion on the question of compensating
the owners of land alongside the stream
from the lake down, one of whom has ap-
plied to the Council for compensating
him. Mr. Taylor is understood to have
said (although not reported in the press)
that if Mr. Peter Summerfield (who was
water commissioner at the time the 10-
inch main was laid from the lake to the
city) had promised the riparian owners a
compensation water pipe then he, Mr. Sum-
merfield, would have been held liable for
member quite well at that time. Some of
the city authorities and the land-
owners were held at the city hall, when
most if not all, the owners were present,
representing the city, proposed to the
authorities, that compensation pipe be laid
to supply their needs. Some of the em-
ployees who wanted money, objected, but
most of them thought it would be well to have
the pipe. This was common "rule" at the
time, but not carried out. Has Mr. Tay-
lor a different opinion now? If so, why?
OLD TIMER.

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No Trouble
Anticipated

Officials of Victoria Terminal
Railway Deny Reports of
Litigation.

Must Have Market Building By
March 1—Coast-Kootenay
Road.

Messrs. Hendry and Wood, of the Victo-
ria Terminal Railway, called upon the
Colonist yesterday with regard to an ar-
ticle which appeared in this paper yes-
terday morning in which it was stated
that their company's notice to the city,
that they would require the use of the
whole market building for the use of the
railway from March 1, might lead to
litigation. Both gentlemen deprecated the
inference, drawn by the Colonist
from current and reliable reports, that
any difficulty could possibly arise be-
tween their company and the city.

Said Mr. Hendry: "We are not look-
ing for nor do we anticipate any legal
difficulty with the city. The com-
pany, in acquiring the market building,
disturb the fire department and will give
ample notice of any intention of so doing
so as not to embarrass the city in any
way."

"It is necessary that we should have
possession of the building just at this
time so that we may be enabled to ex-
tend our line to connect with the Es-
sential & Nanaimo railway, and thus
fulfill an essential part of our contract."

"The officials of our company are also
thoroughly satisfied that when the pro-
per time comes they will be able to sat-
isfy the City Council that the steam-
er Victoria, notwithstanding the adverse
criticism of interested individuals, will
be a vessel that will fulfill in every
respect the conditions of our agreement
with the city."

Mr. Hendry further stated that the
Victoria Terminal railway and its
Mainland connections would be in run-
ning order by May 1, and that the Vic-
toria, Vancouver & Eastern railway
would be built in the very near future,
giving Victoria a direct competitive route
to the Kootenay.

FRENCH PLANIER
SLAVE DEALERS

Blacks Who Escaped to British
Subject's Plantation Carried
Back By Force.

Steamer Aorangi brought news from
the New Hebrides of how French plan-
tations had enslaved blacks employed on
their plantations. A settler on Epi is-
land writing to a Sydney paper says:
"After being aroused early one morning
in January by screams, I found that
an armed raid had been made on my
property by a party of four Frenchmen
and a number of natives armed with
revolvers and other weapons. In the
early morning they surrounded one of
my houses, entered it, and forcibly
seized, dragged away, and kidnapped
three boys screaming and weeping.
When I got on the scene they had all
deserted the beach, but I saw the three
boys tied together, slave-like, and driven
away, surrounded by the whole armed
force of raiders. When I remonstrated
with the Frenchmen they called out,
"We are only taking our property."
"In the New Hebrides French sub-
jects are allowed to recruit and buy and
sell for a term of years the natives of
the islands. This privilege is not accorded
to British subjects, but it is said
efforts are being made to bring the Bri-
tish law into line with the French. When
the native labor is away from their
own island they are under the sole con-
trol of their master, who may treat
them kindly or with the utmost hard-
ness and cruelty. When ill-treated the
laborer knows of no one to appeal to for
redress, and can only run away to es-
cape the lash of the whip. During the
past several years' have come to
me after being in hiding in the bush
for weeks or months, who had run away
from their masters on account of the
floggings and ill-treatment they had re-
ceived, and who asked me to give them
work as they did not wish to return to
their French masters. I employed these
natives on the same terms as the natives
of Epi, and refused to give them up
when their masters demanded them.
Knowing it to be a criminal offence
in British law to hand over slaves to the
masters, yet admitting ignorance of how
far the French 'property' in human flesh
and blood would bear that name, I yet
desisted best to err on the side of
humanity and shelter the boys as far as
I could."
"One of these boys" ran away from
his master because he was whipped till
he lost consciousness, and next day,
without getting any food in the mean-
time, he was whipped again, as he could
not do his allotted task. Another boy
was whipped and tied up for four days
without food or water before he ran
away. I could not find it in my heart
to hand over escaped servants to the
tender mercies of masters who could
be so cruel. And now that the French-
men have violated the law by raiding
and kidnapping, I appeal to the au-
thorities, and through the press to the
public, that the enslaved boys may be
set at liberty."

OFF THE TRACK.
Slight Accident on C. P. R. Near Pilot
Mound.

Winnipeg, Feb. 19.—(Special.)—A pas-
senger train bound to the city from Del-
oraine left the rails at Pilot Mound last
night, but fortunately the coaches re-
mained upright and no one was injured.
Lifebuoy Soap—disinfectant—is strongly
recommended by the medical profession as
a safeguard against infectious diseases.

Black Hole
Of Calcutta

Interesting Facts Regarding the
Location of the Awful
Death Chamber.

It Was Discovered By R. Ros-
kell Bayne Formerly of
Victoria.

In the course of his speech at the un-
veiling of the Holwell monument at
Calcutta, Lord Curzon, viceroy of In-
dia, made the following reference to
the late R. Roskell Bayne, M.R.I., B.A.,
C.E., a former resident of Victoria (hav-
ing lived here from 1891 to 1901, dy-
ing in the latter year, and being buried
at Ross Bay), the discoverer of the site
of the famous "Black Hole" of Calcutta:

"SITE OF THE 'BLACK HOLE'."
Nearly twenty years ago Mr. Roskell
Bayne, of the Black Indian railway, made
a number of diggings and measurements,
and I was fortunate enough when I came
here to find a worthy successor to him and
coadjutor to myself in the person of Mr.
C. R. Wilson, of the Indian Education De-
partment, who had carried Mr. Bayne's
enquiries a good deal further, cleared up
some doubtful points, corrected some er-
rors, and fixed with accuracy the exact
site of the "Black Hole" and other features
of the fort. All of these sites I set to work
to commemorate while the knowledge was
still fresh in our minds. Wherever the
outer or inner line of the curtain and bas-
tion of the fort of Calcutta had not been
built over, I had them traced on the ground
with brass lines let into stone—you will
see some of them on the main steps of the
post office—and I caused white marble ta-
bets to be inserted in the walls adjoining
the buildings with inscriptions stating what
the site was, and the names of the men
who had discovered it. I think there are
some dozen of these tablets in all, each of which
tells its own tale. I further turned my at-
tention to the site of the "Black Hole,"
which was in the premises of the post of-
fice, and could not be seen from the street.
Being shut out by a great brick and plaster
gateway, I had this obstruction pulled
down and an open iron gate and railings
erected. I had the site of the "Black Hole"
paved with polished black marble, sur-
rounded with neat iron railings, and finally
I placed a black marble tablet with an in-
scription above it explaining the mem-
orable and historic nature of the site
that lies below. I do not know if cold
steel tablets have been placed in the walls
of the city itself, have yet found out
the existence of these memorials, but I
venture to think that they are a perma-
nent and valuable addition to the "asso-
ciations and sights of the Capital of British
rule in India."

Mr. Bayne's discovery of the "Black
Hole" is thus described in H. E. Bus-
well's book, "Echoes From Old Calcutta,"
published in London in 1888:
"When opportunity offered, permission
was obtained to make a few exploratory
excavations within the old fort precincts
under Mr. Bayne's supervision, and in Oc-
tober, 1887, the Black Hole was cleared to
floor level, was brought to light with its
enclosing and verandah walls and their pil-
lars. It was only necessary to imagine these
built up to their recorded height (say 15
feet), and the roof put on, to see the ac-
tual chamber as described by Holwell and
Crane, on the floor of which we were stand-
ing. Looked at thus, the cell seemed some-
what narrower and longer, i.e., more an
elongated box, than the Black Hole as de-
scribed by contemporary evidence. It was
about 22 feet in length by about 14½ feet
in width, the latter measurement very close-
ly agreeing with that assigned to it by
John Cooke. Only three of the boundaries
of the cell were uncovered, and the fourth
(the Southern) would be just under a
portion of the post office building. The bound-
ary last found was the thin partition wall
which divided the cell from the barrack.
One only of the walls, the Eastern (cur-
tain), was purposely uncovered to any
depth; this was found coated with smooth
white plaster, which might have been the
prey of relic collectors. There were two
concrete floors uncovered; the lower one
seemed to have been liable to inundation,
as what looked like river silt was found on
it—a circumstance which perhaps led to
its having been raised at some time by

several inches. Guided by the portions of
the columns which were unburied, one
could determine when looking Westward
the position of the arches which carried the
windows of the cell, and could point to
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generally felt desire, that so very historical
a site should be marked, and directed that
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most practicable thing under the circum-
stances should be done, namely, that the
roadway under which the chamber lay
was essential to the most office traffic, the
excavation should be filled in and decently
paved over with granite, and that a tablet
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29 Coats in the lot, some trimmed White and Black, some trimmed 1, 2 and 3 Ounces, some trimmed Velvet
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6 at \$3.50; 8 at \$3.75; 0 at \$4.50.....
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2 at \$4.75; 3 at \$6.50.....
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All these Coats run in sizes from 2 to 8 years. Colors are Red, Navy, Rose, New Blue, Fawn and Brown. Suit-
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600 yards Fancy White Muslin; usual price 12½c.....
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Our Crown (with blotting paper cov-
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1,200 boxes (three cakes in a box)
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soap; regular 25c. per box.....
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All the odd shades in silk; regu-
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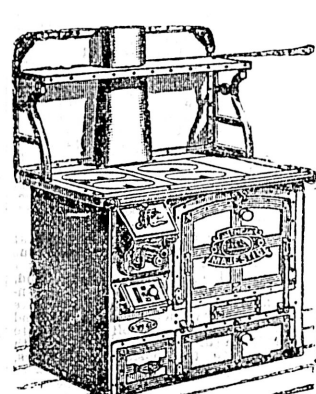
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20 cases latest style American hats,
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Teapots of English make,
Teapots that seldom break,
Teapots that always look so nice,
And are sold for little price.
At R. A. Brown & Co., 80 Douglas St.

100 boys' 3 piece "Fauntleroy" suits
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now make a selection from a great
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those looking for real bargains.

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it. "There is a time in the affairs of man,"
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Seize on the suggestion. This is the right
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If it is a question of good lighting
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Weiler Bros. who have a range of
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A HORRIBLE EXPERIENCE.

The Sanitary Inspector Buries a Loper
at Darcy Island.

James Wilson, city sanitary officer,
whose duties generally are far from
agreeable, had an unusually unpleasant
task to perform at Darcy Island, where
one of the small colony of lepers died
in the week. Deceased was a
Chinaman from Kamloops and now only
three of the unfortunate remain to suf-
fer the agony of a living death. One
poor creature is so far gone that his
death may occur at any moment.

The utter wretchedness and despair in
which these unhappy beings exist may
be realized when it is known that up to
the present they have been forced to
dig the grave and bury their fellows,
but in this instance the three survivors
were so weak that they were unable to
hear the remains to the grave which
task to dig with sore foot and pain.
In consequence the task of carrying the
remains to the grave and burying them
fell upon Mr. Wilson and his assistant.

There were no orders made in Cham-
bers yesterday morning.
Mrs. Dickinson and Mrs. Simpson will
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Sir William Wallace Hall, Broad street
at 2:30.
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Local News

TONIGHT'S ENGAGEMENTS.
MINING ASSOCIATION—City Hall.
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE—Pioneer
Hall.
ST. ANDREW'S CONCERT—Institute
Hall.
SIR WILLIAM WALLACE SOCIETY
DINNER—Hotel Caterham.
NO. 5 C. S. SMOKE—Drill Hall.
Y. M. C. A.—Corner Broad street and
Trousse Alley.
FLUMBERS' UNION—Labor Hall.
LABORERS' UNION—Labor Hall.

Jewish Services.—Divine service at
congregational Emanu-El, corner of
Blanchard and Pandora streets, this
evening. Rabbi Montague N. A.
Cohen will lecture on "My Attitude To-
wards Religion." The Spirit of
Enquiry. All are welcome.

Chamber of Commerce.—The Cham-
ber of Commerce will meet at Pioneer
hall this (Friday) evening at 8 o'clock.
Important matters, including the fish-
eries and transportation questions, will
come before the meeting. All engaged
in trade or manufacture are invited to attend.

Mining Association.—There will be a
general meeting of the Victoria branch
of the British Columbia Mining Asso-
ciation in the council chamber at the City
hall this evening, for the purpose
of electing delegates to the general con-
vention to be held at Vancouver next.
It is important that there should be a
full attendance.

A Change.—To enable Mrs. Helmecken
to hold the matinee of the Chinese Fete
at the A. O. U. hall on Saturday
afternoon, Mrs. Dickinson and Mrs.
Simpson have kindly given up their
hall and will hold their class in the Sir
William Wallace hall, Broad street, in-
stead, at 2:30.

Panthers Killed.—Mr. Joseph Dixon,
of Millstream, Highland district, who
killed the large she-pant her on Sat-
urday last, an account of which appeared
in the "Colonist" of Wednesday, 18th inst.,
has succeeded in killing three more.
These are the kittens of the one killed,
and were about two and a half
feet in length. Mr. Dixon sighted the
old she-pant her but could not get a shot
at him.

Donation to High School.—Mr. W. F.
Best has presented to the Science de-
partment of the High school a collection
of specimens of the economic min-
erals of the "Yellowstone" region, New
Island. Mr. Best wishes the Col-
onist to state that material illustrating
the natural resources of our province is
always thankfully received at the High
school, and will be made of service in
the school work.

No. 5 Smoker.—A smoker, by the
members of No. 5 Company, Fifth Regi-
ment, C. A., will be held in No. 1 room,
A. O. U. hall, tomorrow evening, at
8 o'clock. A thoroughly good pro-
gramme has been prepared. An extra
attraction is on the list, which is sure
to be appreciated by all those present.
The members of the above company are
requested to attend without fail. No
member will be admitted unless in uni-
form.

Japanese Dance.—As the A. O. U.
hall has been found inadequate to
hold the death of her husband in 1896,
and took up her residence for a number
of years at Glenzary Farm, Mel-
chior, and later on at 92 Chatham
street. She leaves, besides three sons
and five daughters, twenty grandchil-
dren and eight great-grandchildren.
The funeral will take place from the re-
sidence at 2 p.m. on Saturday and at the
Reformed Episcopal church at 2:30.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Martha
Bond took place yesterday afternoon
from her late residence, No. 94 View
street, at 2:30 o'clock. Services were
conducted by the Rev. J. P. Westman
at the residence and also at the grave.
There was a large attendance of friends
at the residence. The following gentle-
men acted as pall-bearers: Messrs. S.
Basta, J. Barnsley, T. Alexander, A.
Freeman, N. Bercel, G. Kennell.

The death occurred in Seattle on
Monday last of Daniel McBrady, for-
merly of this city. He was a native of
Whitby, Ont., and 42 years of age. He
leaves a widow, three children and a
brother, Bert McBrady, all residents of
this city. The remains will arrive in
Victoria for interment tomorrow after-
noon, the deceased's brother having
gone over to the Sound to make the
necessary arrangements. The funeral
will take place in Victoria tomorrow
(Saturday), leaving the family re-
sidence, 231 Cook street, at 9 a.m., and
the Roman Catholic cathedral at 9:30.

THE COURTS.

Progress of the Various Cases Now Be-
fore Different Tribunals.

The divorce suit of Keepeywill vs. Kee-
paywill, which has been pending in the
Supreme court for judgment, has been
withdrawn from the lists, the petitioner
declining to proceed further with the
case.

The case of McFurth vs. Dooley et al
is still proceeding in the Supreme court.
The case of Bodwell vs. Victoria and
Sidney railway will be taken up again
on its conclusion.

The case of Bradley-Dyne vs. Mrs.
Mills has been concluded. Mr. Justice
Gibson gave judgment in favor of the
defendant's favor, H. B. Robertson for
plaintiff; F. B. Gregory, contra.

The habeas corpus petition by R. H.
McMillan came before Justice Walker
again yesterday morning, but was ad-
judged.

Mr. Justice Walker was engaged in
the County Court yesterday in hearing
evidence in the case of Lee & Fraser
vs. Allen—a case for a commission on
a will.

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Insures rest at night. Try a bottle for
that hacking cough. 50 cents a bottle.

John Cochrane

CHEMIST.

N. W. Cor. Yates and Douglas Sts.

Elect Delegates This Evening

Victoria's Representation at
Mining Convention to Be
Fixed To-night.

Brief History of a Movement
Which Has Culminated in
Success.

Tonight at the City hall the members
of the British Columbia Mining Association
will meet for the purpose of electing dele-
gates to the convention which is to be held in Victoria
on Wednesday night.

It is hoped that the attendance at this
evening's meeting will be very large, as
a matter which will engage attention
is one of the most important which has
ever been presented in British Columbia
for many years—the formation of a huge
association which will embrace in its
membership all in the province interest-
ed in the successful prosecution of such an
organization for the betterment of con-
ditions affecting the welfare of that indus-
try, and, generally, take such steps as
are calculated to develop its growth and
development on lines which will ensure
its prosperous progress.

A little history of the movement which
will resolve itself into definite action at
tonight's meeting in Victoria, prelimi-
nary to the convention on Wednesday
next, will be of interest at this time.
The idea of the formation of such an
organization was born of a conversation
held in the reading room of the Hotel
Druid only a few weeks ago. A party
of Alton miners had come down from
the Alton district with the object of
presenting a petition to the legislature
representing in that district, so that
conditions in Alton might be freed
from alleged legislative disabilities on
the presentation of a strong case to the
government, backed up by the strength
of a solid local organization.

It was only by a coincidence that
Mr. J. B. Hobson, who is now president
of the British Columbia Mining
Association, happened to be in the city;
and he met in a casual way the men
from Alton, and learned from them the
object of their visit to Victoria.

"Why, that's a good thing! Why
should not all interested in the mining
industry in the province unite and form
an association provincial in its scope?"
remarked Mr. Hobson. And with the
utterance of that remark, the British
Columbia Mining Association, to the
convention of which Victoria will tonight
elect delegates, was born. Mr. Hobson
explained the great success which had
attended the formation of an all-state
organization in California; the idea to
take similar action in British Columbia
was taken up with enthusiasm, and, as
a result, public meetings were held in
the Board of Trade rooms and deputed
representatives of the various districts
summoned to all sides to be a splendid
one.

A preliminary meeting was held on
January 14, when a committee was ap-
pointed to draw up a report to be pre-
sented to a public meeting on the fol-
lowing day. On January 15, a large
and representative public meeting was
held at the Board of Trade building, at-
tended by numbers of working miners,
mine managers, merchants, members
of the legislature, professional men and
others who realized that the welfare
of the mining industry means the wel-
fare of the province. The chairman, Mr.
Tobson, explained fully the objects of
the new association. The greatest en-
thusiasm prevailed, and it was realized
that at length a means had been found
which would ensure an uplifting of the
mining industry from its present depres-
sion to a position of prosperous expan-
sion.

The meeting recognized that owing to
the spontaneous nature of the new
scheme, no opportunity had been afford-
ed to secure the co-operation of the peo-
ple throughout the province, and it was
decided to call a general convention, to
be held at Victoria on February 25,
when delegates from all districts would
be able to attend and formulate a per-
manent organization.

The proposed association is not an
untried experiment. Some years ago the
miners and mine-owners of California
found themselves hampered with a lot
of unjust legislative conditions. A few
individuals met together to discuss the
situation and devise a remedy, and they
grasped the California Miners' Asso-
ciation. The idea was to have a com-
mission of say, two and a half per
cent, for the trouble; we should then
act as you agents.

Tree Tops.—We have been asked by a
large builder in this city if there is a

remedial legislation they required and the mining industry of the state increas- ed by leaps and bounds, and brought prosperity to all other industries also.

With a view to overcoming obstacles,
and securing for the mining industry the
support which it deserves, it is pro-
posed to form a large and representative
association of miners, mine owners, mer-
chants, bankers, farmers and profes-
sional men, and all other persons who
may be directly or indirectly interested
in the mining industry. By this means,
and apparently only by this means, can
relief be secured for the industry and
such favorable legislation as will restore
confidence in foreign capitalists. If we
can make our mining industry prosper-
ous, every other industry in the prov-
ince will naturally and necessarily
share in such prosperity. The present
depression is a natural and necessary
result of the depression in mining. It is
believed that the successful organiza-
tion of the British Columbia Mining
Association will ensure better conditions
for the mining industry and thereby re-
store confidence in the magnificent min-
eral resources of this province.

At the meeting this evening in the
City hall, 20 delegates to the convention
will be elected. Vancouver is sending
one, and several others having been de-
clared at a recent meeting to limit the
number of delegates from the two coast
cities to 20. This was done to remove
any impression which might exist in the
upper country that the convention was
to be dominated by the coast influence.

At this evening's meeting, also, some
consideration will of necessity be given
to the question of the proper reception
and entertainment of the visitors. The
importance of the big convention bids
fair to exceed the expectations of those
most optimistic regarding the move-
ment. Much attention is being paid to
the scheme by the press of the entire
province; and the wide publicity which
has been given the announcement of the
date and purposes of the convention en-
sures a very large and representative
attendance.

There is a feeling in the city that the
occasion of the convention will be one
of sufficient importance to warrant an
effort being put forth by Victoria to
mark in some special way its recogni-
tion of the honor which has been done
the city, in choosing it as the perma-
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the circumstance that benefits of an in-
crease of business to the whole prov-
ince will flow from its organization and
proper management.

MARKET FOR WOODEN BLOCKS

Shanghai Council Asks For
Information—A Chance For
B. C. Cedar.

The following communication has been
received by the department of agricul-
ture, with a request that its contents be
made known to those interested:

Wooden Blocks.—Our council have
decided on laying down a system of
timberways, and we have privately
in the course of about two or three
months, tenders for wooden blocks 5 in.
x 3 in. x 5 in. will be required, the wood
to be selected "billion" wood as much as
possible. This wood being so well
known, you will not require any explana-
tion, but most of the supplies for this
market now come from North Borneo.

We are unable to give you any exact
amount that will be wanted, but our in-
formation told the writer that it would
run into several shipments, seeing that
the rails 20 miles in length will be laid, you
will see that the contract will be worth
securing.

It will be advisable also to have quo-
tations in bulk, because it is just possi-
ble that the company who have the
contract will be able to cut blocks
cheaper in this country owing to the
cheapness of labor.

We forward this information at once,
as it is received by us, and anything
further that comes to our notice we will
write you again.

We should like quotations of Shang-
hai, either at per ton or per 1,000 blocks,
at the same time if you quote per thou-
sand it will be advisable to know the
weight of 1,000 blocks.

Delivery.—Kindly give us full particu-
lars as to the time that you can de-
liver the goods provided we can place
the contract.

Terms.—We shall be required to give,
say, from 30 to 60 days' credit to the
contractors on this side, and if business
results, we shall be prepared to accept
your bills drawn upon us at 60 and 90
days sight. If necessary, we could ar-
range for you to draw upon the con-
tracting the company who have the
commission of say, two and a half per
cent, for the trouble; we should then
act as you agents.

Tree Tops.—We have been asked by a
large builder in this city if there is a

CAMPBELL'S

We have a complete stock for Ladies,
and Children in the following Depts.

Gloves

KID GLOVES, CASHMERE GLOVES,
WOOL GLOVES.

Hosiery

CASHMERE HOSE, COTTON HOSE,
SILK HOSE.

Underwear

HEAVY WEIGHTS, MEDIUM
WEIGHTS, LIGHT WEIGHTS.

We have a few of those new Spring
Sample Skirts left.

The Western Express and Parcel Delivery

We are now doing a general express and parcel delivery business be-
tween the City and Esquimalt and adjacent districts. Parcels or orders
will be collected at intervals throughout the day and delivered if left at
the following places: BROWN & COOPER'S, GOVERNMENT ST.;
MRS. TURNER'S, PORT STREET; R. PORTER & SONS, DOUG-
LAS STREET; ORT & PEREN'S, STORE STREET; W. RAY-
CEY'S, CORNER KING'S ROAD; DR. DOUGLAS STREET; H.
W. WALKER'S, ESQUIMALT ROAD. Tradesmen throughout the
city would do well to communicate with the head office and make ar-
rangements for the delivery of their goods in these districts. Head
office at

H. W. WALKER'S Esquimalt Road

Telephone A950.

AGENTS FOR Steinway, Heintzman & Co Nordheimer, Dominion, Palmer

PIANOS

The largest and most carefully se-
lected stock in the city.
Estey, Dominion, Thomas Organs;
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M. W. WAITT & CO.

41 Government Street.

MISSES McLUNG

STUDIO OF APPLIED ART.

Classes in China and Water Color
Painting, Pyrography and Illuminat-
ed Leather. Artistic Goods for sale.
Corner Fort and Douglas streets.

Lace and Fancy Work Parlors

MISS B. A. MESHER.

English Point Royal Battenburg
and other hand-made Laces. Mater-
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Cheap Building Sites For Sale.

ON EASY TERMS.

on Mass street, consisting of 2 lots each, from \$500 to \$800 each site. These lots run through from street to street, and can be made into attractive homes.

PEMBERSON & SON, 45 Fort Street

SHORT NOTICE SALE F. J. BITTENCOURT

At Auction Rooms, 77-79 Douglas Street.

Today at 2 p.m.
DESIRABLE
FURNITURE

and Effects

Rattan and Upholstered Chairs; Sofa; Domestic Sewing Machine; Bedstead; Writing Desk; Extension Dining Table; Chairs; Hardwood Bedroom Suits; Brass Mounted Bedsteads; Oak Centre Tables; Woven Wire and Oak Mattresses; Hanging and Table Lamps; Toilet Sets; Children's High Chairs; Dinner Sets; Carpets and Carpet Squares; Penders and Fire Irons; Cook Stoves; Heating Stoves; Cooking Utensils; Enamelware; Crockery, etc., also

PORTABLE FORGES, FULLY BLOCKS, SMALL ANCHORS, LARGE QUANTITY OF ROPE, CAR WHEELS, ETC.

W. T. HARDAKER, AUCTIONEER

MORTGAGE SALE.

Under and by virtue of the powers contained in a certain mortgage which will be produced at the time of sale, there will be offered for sale by Public Auction by

W. T. HARDAKER, Auctioneer,

At Hardaker's Auction Rooms, No. 77 Douglas Street.

In the city of Victoria, on Monday, the 23rd day of February, 1903, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon, the following property: All the piece and parcel of land containing in Esquimalt District, known and numbered as part of Lot 127, Section number Thirty-One (XXXI) Esquimalt District, being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Buckley's Orchard, thence bearing South 24 degrees 30 min. E. 130 links, Southwest corner of Lot, thence North 65 degrees 30 min. E. 521 links, to Southeast corner on a street 15 feet wide, thence along the street North 24 degrees 30 min. W. 142 links, to junction of street with Craiglaw road, thence along Craiglaw road 139 links to corner of lot, being the Northeast corner of lot, thence along fence bearing South 48 degrees, W. 40 links to Northwest corner of lot, being the point of commencement, containing one acre more or less, the said land being particularly described as shown on a plan attached to a conveyance of the said land from John Russell to Miss Peter Polson, dated 14th day of March, 1877. On the property, which is situated in a very desirable locality in Victoria West, namely, on the corner of Russell street and Craiglaw road, are five small cottages, barn and outbuildings, and a number of fruit trees.

For terms and conditions of sale apply to

McPhillips, Wootton & Barnard,

Bank of Montreal Chambers, Bastion street, Victoria.

THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office, Victoria, Feb. 19—8 p.m.

SYNOPSIS.

The high pressure is still central over the Pacific Slope, but East of the Pacific a moderate low barometer area has passed.

At the mouth of the Columbia river, but fair weather prevails at all other reporting stations. Winds have been light except at the entrance to the Strait of Juan de Fuca, where strong easterly winds have been blowing.

Temperatures have been considerably higher on the Coast.

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Aorangi From The Antipodes

Victorian Dies on Board the Liner and is Buried at Sea.

Australian Ports Closed to Vessels From San Francisco—More Overdues.

R. M. steamer Aorangi, Capt. Phillips, reached port yesterday morning from Sydney, via Brisbane, Suva and Honolulu, after an average passage, bringing 78 saloon passengers as well as a number of steerage passengers, and a fair cargo, including everything from coconut oil and preserved meats to stationery. One shipment of 270 bags of coal, seems like carrying out the old tradition, "carry coals to Newcastle."

Among the passengers were a number of naval officers, including Capt. Thomas P. Walker, late of H. M. S. Royal Arthur, and Flag-Captain to Vice-Admiral Sir Lewis A. Beaumont, K. C. M. and C. and Lieut. J. L. Shaw, secretary of the Vice-Admiral, and Lieut. T. S. Brodie of H. M. S. Royal Arthur, all of whom were formerly on the Esquimalt station and departed from the liner when they were ordered to proceed to London, Vice-Admiral Sir Lewis Beaumont went to England via San Francisco, to which port he voyaged in the Sierra. Another passenger was Captain W. J. Clark, of the Victoria, who was on board the Aorangi, and had administered to the four men whose lives were lost, and at once instituted suit against the Bertha and the Alaska Commercial Company, charging that the Bertha and her officers were responsible for the disaster.

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CHARGE OF NEGLIGENCE.

Judgment for \$5,000 Against Bertha and Her Owners.

On the charge of negligence contributing to the loss of four lives in Alaska waters, the Alaska Commercial Company, owners of the steamer Bertha, now have a judgment against them for \$5,000, rendered by the United States District court at Juneau.

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